

## Fact Sheet

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## Labor Market Report Highlights September 2015

### Labor Force and Unemployment

- The state's September 2015 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4 percent, down from 4.6 percent in August and increased from 4.3 percent in September 2014.
- The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September was 3.8 percent, down from 4.5 percent in August and down from 4.2 percent one year ago.
- There were 10,993 initial claims for unemployment benefits in September 2015, down from 11,237 in August and up from 10,978 in September 2014. There were 57,687 continued claims in September, down from 74,176 the previous month and down from 68,335 in September 2014.

### Jobs Data

#### *Seasonally Adjusted*

- The state added 10,100 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs over the year, a 0.9 percent gain. Kansas added 8,700 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs since September 2014, a 0.6 percent gain.
- Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs gained 4,200 since last month, or 0.4 percent. In September, the state gained 4,900 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, also at 0.4 percent.

#### *Not Seasonally Adjusted*

- Kansas gained 10,200 private sector jobs since September 2014, a 0.9 percent increase. The state gained 8,200 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 0.6 percent increase.
- Private sector jobs decreased by 3,000 since August, or 0.3 percent. Over the month, Kansas gained 19,800 nonfarm jobs, or 1.4 percent.

## **Industry Breakdown**

### **Over the Year**

Increase			
<b>Industry:</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Subsector with Largest Increase</b>
Construction	5,800	9.5%	Specialty Trade Contractors
Professional and Business Services	3,600	2.1%	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
Leisure and Hospitality	2,300	1.8%	Accommodations and Food Services
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,300	0.9%	Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities
Financial Activities	1,000	1.2%	Finance and Insurance
Information	800	2.9%	N/A

Decrease			
<b>Industry</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Subsector with Largest Decrease</b>
Manufacturing	-4,300	-2.7%	Durable Goods
Government	-2,000	-0.8%	Local
Mining and Logging	-800	-7.7%	N/A
Other Services	-500	-1.0%	N/A

\*One of the 11 major industries-Education and Health Services-reported no change over the year.

### **Over the Month**

Increase			
<b>Industry</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Subsector with Largest Increase</b>
Government	22,800	9.7%	Local
Professional and Business Services	1,200	0.7%	Administration and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
Other Services	400	0.8%	N/A
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	300	0.1%	Retail Trade

Decrease			
<b>Industry</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Subsector with Largest Decrease</b>
Manufacturing	-2,300	-1.4%	Durable Goods
Leisure and Hospitality	-1,400	-1.1%	Accommodation and Food Services
Education and Health Services	-500	-0.3%	Health Care and Social Assistance
Construction	-300	-0.4%	Construction of Buildings
Mining and Logging	-200	-2.0%	N/A
Information	-200	-0.7%	N/A

\*One of the 11 major industries-Financial Activities-reported no change over the month.

## Private Sector Earnings

### ***Not Seasonally Adjusted***

- Private sector average weekly earnings decreased by \$0.97, or 0.1 percent, since last year, to a total of \$767.50.
- Professional and business services increased the most in average weekly earnings since last year. This industry increased by \$52.81, or 6.2 percent, since September 2014, to a total of \$911.72.
- Trade, transportation and utilities also had notable increases. Average weekly earnings increased by \$29.01, or 4.1 percent, since last year, to a total of \$734.17.

The October 2015 Labor Report will be released on Friday, November 20.

*Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).*

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